

EXAMINER' S AMENDMENT

An examiner' s amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner' s amendment was given in a telephone interview with Marisa J. Dubac on December 6, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please replace the previous claim listings with the following:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for facilitating database management processes for an enterprise via a communications network, comprising:

extracting part data relating to a part from a data storage device;

retrieving activity data related to said part said activity data including:

demand data;

purchase data; and

creation data including a date a part number for the part is added to the data storage device;

evaluating said part data and said activity data;

associating a status code with said part data based upon results of said evaluating, the status code assigned being one of an active status and an inactive status; and

storing said part data and said status code in said data storage location, wherein said facilitating said database management processes is accomplished by a parts database management software application[[.]];

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wherein said evaluating said activity data includes:

determining an occurrence of a demand for said part;

assessing currency of said demand;

quantifying said demand;

wherein results of said determining said occurrence, said assessing said currency, and said quantifying said demand causes said parts database management software application to:

associate said status code with said part data when a first condition is met, the first condition relating, to at least one of an absence or presence of the demand, the currency of the demand, and the quantity of the demand; and

perform additional evaluations of said activity data when the first condition is not met.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said part data includes:

a part number;

a part name; and

a part description.

3. (CURRENTLY CANCELED)

4. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said demand activity includes forecast data related to said part number.

5. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said demand activity includes orders received related to said part number.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for facilitating database management processes for an enterprise via a communications network, comprising:

extracting part data relating to a part from a data storage device;

retrieving activity data related to said part said activity data including:

demand data;

purchase data; and

creation data including a date a part number for the part is added to the data storage device;

evaluating said part data and said activity data;

associating a status code with said part data based upon results of said evaluating, the status code assigned being one of an active status and an inactive status; and

storing said part data and said status code in said data storage location, wherein said facilitating said database management processes is accomplished by a parts database management software application;

~~The method of claim 1~~, wherein said evaluating said activity data includes:

determining an occurrence of said purchase activity;

assessing currency of said purchase activity;

quantifying refund activity related to said purchase activity;

wherein results of said determining said occurrence, said assessing said currency, and said quantifying said refund activity causes said parts database management software application to:

associate said status code with said part data when a second condition is met, the second condition relating to at least one of an absence or presence of the purchase activity, the currency of the purchase activity, and the quantity of the purchase activity; and
perform additional evaluations of said activity data when the second condition is not met.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for facilitating database management processes for an enterprise via a communications network, comprising:

extracting part data relating to a part from a data storage device;

retrieving activity data related to said part said activity data including:

demand data;

purchase data; and

creation data including a date a part number for the part is added to the data storage device;

evaluating said part data and said activity data;

associating a status code with said part data based upon results of said evaluating, the status code assigned being one of an active status and an inactive status; and

storing said part data and said status code in said data storage location, wherein said facilitating said database management processes is accomplished by a parts database management software application;

~~The method of claim 1,~~ wherein said evaluating said activity data includes:

determining a date upon which said part number was entered into a database;

determining whether said part number is obsolete; determining whether said part number is end of life;

wherein results of said determining said date, said determining whether said part number is obsolete, and said determining whether said part number is end of life causes said parts database management software application to:

associate said status code with said part data when a third condition is met, the third condition relating to at least one of the date upon which said part number was entered into a database, a determination of whether the part number is obsolete, and a determination of whether said part number is end of life; and

perform additional evaluations of said activity data when the third condition has not been met.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said evaluating said activity data includes determining whether said part number is owned by a group of said enterprise, wherein said results of said determining causes said parts database management software application to associate said status code with said part data.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said results of said evaluating are reviewed by a council for said part numbers with said status code.

10. (Previously Canceled)

11-20 (CURRENTLY CANCELED)

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